

June 13, 2012

ITEM NO. A3

**RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT AN INCREASED GRANT AWARD FROM THE
CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES AND
INCREASE THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners ("Board") authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to accept an award and increase the grant agreement with the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services ("DFSS") in the amount of \$313,200 for the DFSS Summer Youth Employment Program ("SYEP"), and to increase the FY 2012 comprehensive budget by the same amount. This additional grant award from DFSS can only be utilized to pay stipends for 500 additional youth workers. The additional award increases the DFSS grant amount to \$1,113,200 to provide stipends for a total of 1,780 youth workers.

FUNDING SUMMARY

Grant Funds and General Fund

Original DFSS Grant Award (1,280 Youth Worker Stipends):	\$ 800,000
Increase to DFSS Grant Award (500 Additional Youth Stipends):	<u>\$ 313,200</u>
Total DFSS Grant Award (1,780 Youth Worker Stipends):	\$1,113,200

EXPLANATION

In May 2012, the Board authorized CHA to accept a grant in the amount of \$800,000 from DFSS to provide stipends for 1,280 youth and young adults ages 14-24 to participate in the SYEP. Following the Board's approval, CHA received notification from DFSS that CHA would be awarded an additional \$313,200 to provide stipends for 500 more youth workers, increasing the total grant award to \$1,113,200 to provide stipends for a total of 1,780 youth and young adults to participate in the SYEP. The DFSS award stipulates that the grant funds may only be used for youth worker stipends. Accordingly, CHA will utilize Centers for New Horizons, Employment and Employer Services, Heartland Human Care Services, Metropolitan Family Services, Near West Side CDC and Uhlich Children's Advantage Network (UCAN), as previously authorized by the Board in May 2012 to implement the SYEP. These contractors will be assigned additional youth worker participants based upon capacity and the distribution of the previously approved administrative fees.

The SYEP is a youth summer training, skill development and employment opportunity for 14 – 24 year olds. The intention of the SYEP is to provide Chicago youth and young adults with safe, meaningful summer experiences, while learning valuable and transferable skills that connect life lessons and academic preparation, ultimately enhancing participants' long-term employment prospects. Participants will be engaged up-to 20 hours per week for 6-weeks. The anticipated term for the program is July 9, 2012 through August 17, 2012. Youth participants will receive a stipend up to \$600 (based on attendance) for successfully completing the program and young adult supervisors will receive up to \$1,000 (based on attendance).

Conclusion

Based upon the foregoing, it is in the best interest of CHA to authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to accept an award and increase the grant agreement with the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services ("DFSS") in the amount of \$313,200 for the DFSS Summer Youth Employment Program ("SYEP"), and to increase the FY 2012 comprehensive budget by the same amount. This additional grant award from DFSS can only be utilized to pay stipends for 500 additional youth workers. The additional award increases the DFSS not-to-exceed grant amount to \$1,113,200 to provide stipends for 1,780 youth workers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-CHA-46

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated June 13, 2012, entitled "RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT AN INCREASED GRANT AWARD FROM THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES AND INCREASE THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT, the Board of Commissioners ("Board") authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to accept an award and increase the grant agreement with the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services ("DFSS") in the amount of \$313,200 for the DFSS Summer Youth Employment Program ("SYEP"), and to increase the FY 2012 comprehensive budget by the same amount. This additional grant award from DFSS can only be utilized to pay stipends for 500 additional youth workers. The additional award increases the DFSS not-to-exceed grant amount to \$1,113,200 to provide stipends for 1,780 youth workers.

